

SECRETARY OF STATE[721]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 47.1 and 17A.3, the Secretary of State hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 21, “Election Forms and Instructions,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments provide an extension of an upcoming deadline for calculating voter registration totals when that deadline falls on a day on which the auditor’s office is closed. These amendments also rescind a rule related to absentee ballots returned by mail without postmarks that a district court judge in November 2010 ruled inapplicable to a ballot received by the Wapello County Auditor’s office.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on these proposed amendments on or before May 10, 2011. Written suggestions or comments should be directed to Sarah Reisetter, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, First Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Secretary of State’s office by telephone at (515)281-0145 or in person at the Secretary of State’s office on the first floor of the Lucas State Office Building. Requests for a public hearing must be received by May 10, 2011.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 9466B**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 277.4 and 279.7.